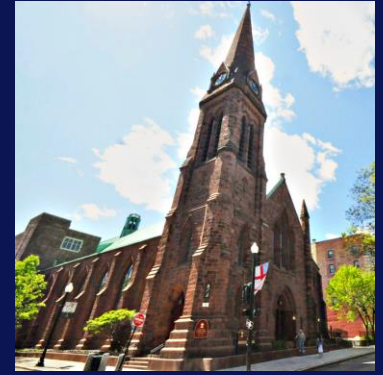


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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

August 4, 2023

Spotlight: Bon Voyage to our Choir & Choristers!



This week The Choir & Choristers of Grace Church is in the U.K. spending a week singing for services of Choral Evensong and Choral Eucharist at Salisbury and Southwark Cathedrals. This is the first ever U.K. Choir Tour that the Grace Church Choir has undertaken!!!! We wish them safe travels and a wonderful experience, especially for some of our choristers, for whom this will be the first time out of the country! **Daily updates of video clips, photos, and chorister experiences will be sent out via email and social media posts during the week!**

No Summer Choir on August 6 or 13

While our Choir & Choristers are in the U.K. for their choral tour/ pilgrimage, **we will not have Summer Choir for the two Sundays** during which they are away. Summer Choir resumes on August 20. The full Choir & Choristers will return on September for their usual choral season.



School Supplies Donations Needed

Grace Church is collecting school supplies this month for the folks who frequent the food pantry at Sts. Peter and Andrew Church in Providence. Below is a suggested list of things to be donated. We'll be collecting the items at Grace **through Sunday, August 20**. Thank you for your generosity!



- Backpacks in various sizes
- 3-Ring Binders
- Notebooks
- 2-Pocket Folders
- Crayons
- Markers
- Scissors

- Pencils
- Dry Erase Markers
- Pencil Cases
- Glue Sticks
- Pens
- Rulers
- Paper

Parish Office Closure

**The Parish Office will be closed
from Tuesday, August 8 through Friday, August 11.**

Normal Office Hours will resume on Monday, August 14.

(Open Doors Ministry will NOT be affected by this closure
and will continue as usual.)



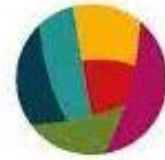
Summer Worship Schedule

For the month of August, we will suspend the
Sunday 8:00 AM Spoken Eucharist
and the Wednesday 12 Noon Spoken Eucharist.



Please join us for the 10 AM Eucharist on Sunday mornings during those months.

Refugee Ministry Sign-Up and Details



DORCAS INTERNATIONAL
INSTITUTE OF RHODE ISLAND

Working in partnership with Dorcas International our ministry has opportunities for your participation!

Through our “Restart Kits for Refugees” you are invited to fill a tub with specific items new arrivals will need to help them set up their new homes. Copies of the requested items and procedures are found on the tables at the back of the church. You can sign up easily by [clicking here](#) or speak with Bill or email Holly Gray at hollyandmike@gmail.com

In teams of two we are invited to become mentors for newly arrived families. Under the guidance of a Dorcas Case Manager, mentors are matched with a specific family to be a welcoming friend, someone who can help new arrivals navigate, discover resources, practice English, or whatever is needed. A description of responsibilities and commitments is found on the back of the Restart Kits at the back of the church. For information or to express interest please contact The Rev. Mike Coburn (P: 401-421-8755; mikecoburn77@gmail.com).

Please join us in this important expression of our community’s welcoming spirit and faith!

Flower Power!

Not only are flowers beautiful to look at, it has been proven they are also good for our mental health! Research has shown that flowers brighten hospital patients' moods, enhance happiness in dining areas and even contribute to creativity in office settings.



We know there are a lot of gardeners in the parish, and it would be wonderful if folks could bring in some of their lovingly nurtured garden flowers for all to enjoy during Coffee Hour. Bring your own vase or obtain one from the kitchen! Afraid there might be multiple floral donations? No worries - our buffet table is quite long (whether in The Pavilion or outdoors) so multiple arrangements will never be a problem! We can even place them in different locations (for example, Pavilion tables, coffee station, etc.).

Worried what will happen to your flowers after coffee hour on Sunday? Our Parish Administrator, Sara, will display them in the church during the week or perhaps place a vase in the side door entrance to welcome visitors, etc., wherever they land they will definitely be put to good use!

So start creating those fun backyard bouquets to share with our Grace community on summer Sundays!

Any questions, email Diane Stamp at flowers@gracepvd.org

Nursery Care Help Needed

The Nursery at Grace is seeking a second person to help watch our community’s young children (up to age 4) on Sunday mornings! Compensation is \$20/hr (for coverage up to 4 hours) or volunteer hours for those who need them. If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out to Jonathan (jhuycck@gracepvd.org) or Vivian (vblais@gracepvd.org) for more details.



Coffee Hour Donations Needed



Ever wonder where that delicious food at Coffee Hour comes from? From you! Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to bring food to share at Coffee Hour. Homemade or store-bought, fresh fruit or baked goods – whatever you are moved to share! Simply place items on the large rectangular tables in The Pavilion before church. Your fellow parishioners thank you!

Sunday Morning Worship The Feast of the Transfiguration



~ Sunday Morning YouTube Link ~
[Click here!](#)

This service will be live-streamed to the [Grace Church YouTube Channel](#). Please use the link provided above to watch. The service will also be archived on the [Grace Church website](#) for 'on-demand' viewing after Sunday morning. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sunday to participate in the worship.

To view the Order of Service for **The Feast of the Transfiguration**,
[CLICK HERE!](#)

Regardless of how you choose to participate in our worship life together,
ALL ARE WELCOME at Grace Church!

The Feast of the Transfiguration August 06, 2023



O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

For the texts of the readings for **The Feast of the Transfiguration**,
[please click here.](#)

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